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Distinction between small ryot and big ryot.

* 80 *Q.*—Sri Rao Bahadur N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR: With reference to the Hon. the Prime Minister's budget speech, dated 1st September 1937, appearing on page 89 of the official report of the Legislative Council, will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whom the Government classify as small ryot and where they draw the line of distinction between small ryot and big ryot?

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM:—"The phrase was used in the sense in which it is generally understood and no precise line of distinction was necessary in the context in which the phrase was used."

Sri Rao Bahadur N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know how it is generally understood?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"As I made the speech, I am expected to answer this question as to how it was generally understood. It is difficult for the Government to say that."

Sri Rao Bahadur N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know how the Government understood it?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"When the gentleman made the reference to small ryots and big ryots, he understood it to be in the dictionary sense."

Management of Sri Madanantheswara temple in South Kanara by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 81 *Q.*—Sri D. MANJAYA HEGDE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has notified that the Board would take up the management of the Sri Madanantheswara temple of Manjeswar in South Kanara district;

(*b*) if so, whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has taken the opinion of the Gowda Saraswatha community to which the temple belongs as to the above proposal of the Board; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any objection from the Gowda Saraswatha community as to the present move of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"(*a*) Notice has been issued by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board under section 65-A (1) (*a*) of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act to the trustees and all other persons having interest in the temple to show cause why the temple should not be notified to be subject to the provisions of Chapter VI-A of the said Act.

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The first hearing of the case is posted to 12th November 1938, and the Board has not notified that it will take up the management of the temple.

"(b) The notice issued by the Board has been served on the trustees of the temple. In addition, it was affixed to the temple premises and published in the columns of the *Hindu* and *Swatantra Bharati*, a vernacular newspaper. This is the manner of publication prescribed under the rules framed by Government. Such publication constitutes due notice to the public and all persons having interest, including members of the Gowda Saraswathi community who may file objections to the issue of the proposed notification.

"(c) Objections were received by Government from certain members of the Gowda Saraswathi community and they have been forwarded to the Board. They will be considered by the Board at an enquiry as required by section 65-A (4) of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act."

Improvements to certain minor ports in South Kanara district.

* 82 Q.—SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are contemplating to transfer fifty-five lakhs of rupees from the "Ports' Fund Account" to the "General Account" of the Government;

(b) if so, what the reasons are;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the urgency of the improvement of the ports of Mangalore, Malpe and Gangolli in South Kanara district; and

(d) if not, whether the Government propose to make regular enquiry as to the development of the ports in this district?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"(a) & (b) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill to provide for the disposal of the balance to the credit of the Minor Ports Fund in the Province of Madras of which notice has been given.

"(c) The Presidency Port Officer has submitted certain proposals for the improvement of these ports and these are under consideration.

"(d) Does not arise."

Diet, newspapers and periodicals supplied to the various classes of prisoners.

* 83 Q.—KHAN BAHADUR T. M. MOIDU SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to furnish a statement showing the—

(a) nature of diets; and

(b) the names of the newspapers and periodicals which are allowable to each class of the prisoners, viz., A, B and C?